

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter of which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**VALVE STEM INSTALLATION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF INSTALLING VALVE  
STEM**

which is described and claimed in the specification of which:

\_\_\_\_\_ is executed on even date herewith; attorney docket number 60,568-020.

XX was filed on December 18, 2003 as United States Application Serial No. 10/740,296, and amended by an amendment thereto submitted therewith (if any); attorney docket number 60,568-023.

I declare that this application is:

X a first filing.

\_\_\_ a continuation.

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\_\_\_ a divisional.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe my invention was known or used by others in the United States of America, or patented or described in a printed publication in any country before my invention thereof.

I do not know and do not believe my invention was patented or described in a printed publication in any country or in public use or on sale in the United States of America, more than one year prior to this application.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any foreign country or in the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns except as follows:

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

☒ no such applications have been filed.

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Yes ☐ No ☐

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Dear Mr. McKim

**Name:** Dan Pellerin

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Pellerin et al.  
Application No.: 10/740,296  
Filing Date: December 18, 2003  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Attorney Docket No.: 60,568-023

**DECLARATION OF GREGORY D. DEGRAZIA**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Gregory D. DeGrazia makes the following declaration from his personal knowledge and under the penalty of perjury.

1. Mr. Chad A. Sinke (hereinafter Mr. Sinke) was employed by Durr Production Systems, Inc. (hereinafter "Durr") to invent new technology for Durr.
2. On June 26, 2002, Mr. Sinke signed an employment agreement indicating his duty to assign his invention to Durr. (Exhibit 1)
3. On March 10, 2003, a provisional application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and was assigned the application number 60/453,262 listing inventors Dan Pellerin, Brian Hoy, and Mr. Sinke.
4. On April 3, 2003, another provisional application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and was assigned the application number 60/460,153 listing inventors Dan Pellerin, Brian Hoy, and Mr. Sinke.
5. On October 14, 2003 Mr. Sinke resigned from Durr.

6. In order to preserve the priority date established by the referenced provisional applications, the nonprovisional application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 18, 2003 absent the associated declaration and assignment and was assigned the application number 10/740,296.

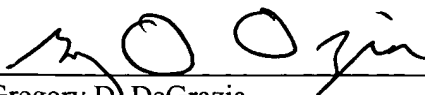
7. On November 14, 2003, a first certified letter was sent to Chad A. Sinke by myself requesting his review of the nonprovisional application and his signature on the formal papers associated with the nonprovisional application declaring that he was the inventor and assigning his invention to Durr, a copy of the nonprovisional was forwarded to Chad A. Sinke's home at 3890 Raye Lane, Hartland, MI 48353 during this period. A returned receipt card was received by me on November 18, 2003 (See Exhibit 2).

9. On February 13, 2004, a second certified letter was sent to Mr. Sinke by myself requesting his review of the nonprovisional application and his signature on the formal papers associated with the nonprovisional application declaring that he was the inventor and assigning his invention to Durr, a copy of the nonprovisional was forwarded to Chad A. Sinke's home at 3890 Raye Lane, Hartland, MI 48353 during this period. A returned receipt card was received by Howard and Howard on February 17, 2004 (See Exhibit 3).

10. On February 23, 2004 I placed a phone message on Mr. Sinke's home phone number at (810) 632-7212 in effort to get Mr. Sinke to sign the declaration and assignment associated with the nonprovisional application number 10/740,296 and did not receive a response.

11. On February 24, 2004 Mr. Sinke returned my call indicating his intent not to sign the declaration and assignment associated with the nonprovisional application number 10/740,296 as a result of his departure from Durr.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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Gregory D. DeGrazia

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